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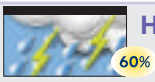
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Witness arrest throws curve

Defence lawyers argue Boisclair's testimony too late for murder trial

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Police have arrested a key witness for a prominent Ottawa murder case, but his testimony may not be used due to the timing of the trial.

Wanted on a Canada-wide warrant since mid-April, Andre Boisclair, 32, was arrested north of Gatineau on Tuesday, police said yesterday. He was to witness against Peter Chenier and George Farley, who are nearing the end of a re-trial for the first-degree shooting death of Earl Joe in 1997.

"This popped up at the worst time one could imagine," Farley's defence attorney Matt Webber said yesterday in Ottawa court, where lawyers for both of the accused argued that it was too late in the trial for Boisclair's testimony.

> *« This popped up at the worst time one could imagine. »*
> *Defence attorney Matt Webber*

Boisclair, who alleged that Chenier hired Farley and himself for the contract killing, pleaded guilty for his role in the death and got 10 years in prison.

If the testimony were admitted, the defence lawyers argue the trial would have to be restarted.

"We run a serious risk of running this right off the rails if we start again… It is only in extraordinary circumstance that the Crown is allowed to reopen the case," said Webber.

Justice Roydon Kealey said yesterday he would ponder it overnight, but added, "My present inclination is to have Mr. Boisclair testify."

At around 1 p.m. on Tuesday, MRC des Collines spotted a truck that had been reported stolen outside of a convenience store near Cantley. A male suspect eventually ran into a nearby lake and attempted to swim away, said Const. Martin Fournel.

The officer followed the suspect into the water, and after a few minutes of discussion, the suspect returned to shore and was arrested. Police identified the suspect as Boisclair. *– tracey.tong@metronews.ca*



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Ruffled by the shuffle

A protester argues with an RCMP officer before a swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall yesterday. The sign refers to David Emerson who retained his position as foreign affairs minister following a cabinet shuffle. More coverage, page 4.

Teen sex assault prompts caution

Police yesterday warned parents not to let their children play in a west-end park and surrounding trails after a teen girl was sexually assaulted there.

Police say they are investigating a possible link to the attack on Tuesday and two previous suspicious incidents in the area, including one in which a man grabbed a 13-year-old girl's buttocks.

On Tuesday afternoon, the girl was walking in Trend-Arlington Park near McLelland Road when she was grabbed from behind and sexually assaulted. She was taken to hospital and treated for her injuries.

suspect

» The suspect is described as a white male, bearded, between 5-foot-7 and 6-feet tall, and 20 to 30 years of age.

Investigators want to talk to a man who was in the park at the time and may have witnessed the attack and possibly scared off the attacker.

Yesterday, Sexual Assault Section investigators canvassed residents in the Trend-Arlington Park area bordered by McLelland, Canfield and Greenbank roads in the west end as part of their probe.

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Cut-cautious city slagged

Councillors must end their fear of job cuts: Mayor

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

Despite efforts to dull the axe, the city will go ahead with a slightly altered version of Mayor Larry O'Brien's plan to cut 500 municipal jobs and cap new hires.

The motion council eventually passed yesterday sets a cap for full-time equivalency jobs at 13,590.28 and calls on city staff to find options for lowering that number by 500, though that can include the roughly 150 positions targeted by city manager Kent Kirkpatrick as part of $100 million in efficiency savings he's been directed to find.

> « *The public wants to see explanded services. This motion would put those services — particularly transit — on the chopping block.* »
>
> *Coun. Alex Cullen*

The motion was approved following a debate in which O'Brien criticized opponents' attempts to water down the measures with options that didn't include job cuts as "unfortunate" and "wishy-washy."

Setting a cap and a reduction target is a tangible goal, he said, instead of an abstract "efficiency" target that is blurred by growth and inflation.

The city is faced with the prospect of trimming between $19 and $57 million from the city budget, just to reach a 4.9 per cent increase. The wide deficit range is based on fluctuating energy and gas price predictions for the next year.

The job cuts cannot come to essential services such as police, fire or paramedics and Coun. Diane Holmes argued that leaves only recreation and transit services to bear the brunt.

"I know the residents in my ward don't want to see the library closed or the community centres closed and they don't want to see a reduction of services," she said.

Said Coun. Alex Cullen: "The public wants see expanded services. This motion would put those services — particularly transit — on the chopping block."

O'Brien agreed that services levels would be reduced, but said council must stop being afraid to make cuts to find needed savings.

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Team players **On their game**



ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Celeste Anderson, 18, and boyfriend Leo Vitelli, 20, play a Metallica tune on the Guitar Hero game at Kanata Centrum last night, where the Amp Your Game tour landed as part of a nine-city tour to audition video game players to become members of a professional competitive team. The tour is here until June 29.

Recovered addict finds hope

Mission program getting notice for treatment success

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Last October, Peter Monette had reached the end of his rope.

"I'd pretty much had it," said the 45-year-old, who started drinking as a teenager.

In addition to his addiction, Monette suffered an anxiety disorder, insomnia, severe exhaustion and short-term memory loss. He also hadn't seen his daughter, now 16, in five years.

"I didn't know what to do, but I knew I had to do something," he said.

Already familiar with the Ottawa Mission, where he sometimes went for meals, he entered the five-month LifeHouse addiction program in January. Yesterday, he became its third graduate of 2008.



Monette

The program is the longest in eastern Ontario and has graduated 60 people over seven years, and 15 in 2007 alone, said Mission executive director Diane Morrison.

"It's so rewarding when you see the guys change," said Troy Thompson, manager of addiction services.

A newly minted grad, Monette was shining yesterday. "I know … I will always be struggling," he said, "but something carried me through to the end."

While focusing on recovery, he'll upgrade his job skills and continue volunteer work at St. Joseph's Parish, which he began while in the program.

"We're all very proud of you," said his sister, Marilyn Hanley, who attended with their mother, Joan Monette.

The program includes a unique aftercare program available to the client for life.

Monette is moving into transition housing on Monday, and said leaving the Mission will be the test.

"I've hit rock bottom many times before," he said. "When I lost my daughter. When I went to jail.

"But now I'm looking forward to a brighter future. I have lots of hope and lots of support."

Accused a courier for Al Qaeda, court told

Mohammad Momin Khawaja carried on an e-mail conversation about bomb making in 2003, was a courier to Pakistan for Al Qaeda and gave financial support to its operatives, his trial on terrorism charges in Ottawa was told yesterday.

"I will start on the remote devices thing right away and will let u know once we have it ready for testing and i find some of the things for testing. Urea, nitro phosphate, anything else we need?" he wrote in an Oct. 19, 2003, message to the Crown's star witness, Mohammed Junaid Babar, the court heard.

Khawaja, an Orleans software developer, sent the e-mail after returning from Pakistan earlier in the month, where the court has been told he delivered a medical kit, invisible ink and the lights needed to read it, SIM cards for cellphones and money for a high-level Al Qaeda operative.

During a stopover in the United Kingdom, Khawaja received the items from Omar Khyam, a ringleader in the failed London bombing plot, in which Khawaja is accused of participating.

Khawaja, 29, was the first Canadian charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act. He has been held in an Ottawa jail since 2004 and was charged with seven terror-related offences. He has pleaded not guilty. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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Police warn of carpet scam

Pressure tactics, loan demands made at doors

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Police are warning of an aggressive door-to-door scam that sees low-grade carpets being peddled as high-quality, handmade luxury items, following numerous complaints.

The fraudsters use high-pressure tactics and demand that victims pay in cash, and they do not offer records of the transaction or of the items' authenticity. There are also reports of elderly victims being pressured to make large business loans to the suspects, also in cash.

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» One of the pressure tactics at the door sees the suspect telling victims that he is returning to his home country and is unable to bring the carpets with him.

The incidents have been reported as recently as last week near Manotick and Kanata, said Ottawa Police Det. Jorge Mendonca.

Similar types of warnings have been issued by other police services in Ontario.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Ottawa Police Service Fraud Section at 613-236-1222, ext. 5942.

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Flush Hydro eyes hike

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

City utility rates could be going up, despite a banner year for Hydro Ottawa Holdings in which it paid out $28.3 million in dividends.

Hydro Ottawa president and CEO Rosemarie Leclair warned that despite exceeding earnings projections last year, the utility expects profits to begin levelling off and that rate hikes will be needed. It has approached the Ontario Energy Board about a rate increase.

partnerships

» Hydro Ottawa said it is limited in its ability to increase its customer base, but is examining some partnerships, such as supplying the city street lighting.

"If you don't have new revenue and you don't increase capacity, you have the same revenue stream but increased expenses due to inflation," she said.

Yesterday, Hydro Ottawa delivered an additional $12 million from the sale of Telecom Ottawa to the city. That is in addition to the $16.3 million dividend it paid at the end of 2007. This exceeded the projected dividend by more than $2 million.

Leclair projected a dividend of up to $14 million next year.

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PM taps experience

Emerson confirmed as new foreign affairs minister in shuffle

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has put a new international face on his cabinet by tapping two steady performers — a former Liberal and a senator — to improve the government's performance in its rocky third year.

David Emerson moves from the international trade portfolio to become foreign affairs minister, while Senator Michael Fortier moves from public works to Emerson's old ministry in a mini-shuffle announced yesterday. Emerson, a former Liberal MP, and Fortier, who was unelected before being named to the Senate, were the most controversial cabinet picks when the Tories came to power in 2006.

But the lingering scandal that led to former foreign minister Maxime Bernier's resignation prompted Harper to seek experience over image to guiding affairs abroad.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bernier breaks his silence

Denies knowing girlfriend's past

With his first public statement in more than a month, Maxime Bernier yesterday denied his ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard ever told him about her past and criminal associations.

"Did Ms. Couillard inform me of past links with people involved in organized crime? The answer is no. She didn't inform me, nor did anyone else at any level. I knew of her past only what she wished to tell me," he told about 400 supporters who gathered at a hotel ballroom in Bernier's hometown.

Bernier, who resigned as foreign affairs minister in late May after learning he had left classified documents at Couillard's home, said the papers were briefing notes prepared for a NATO summit in early April. He said he did not notice they were missing because their contents were not sensitive enough to warrant having a bar code attached.



MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Former Canadian foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier waves to the crowd yesterday at the congress centre in St.Georges de Beauce, Que.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **BAN** The city yesterday banned the establishment of new homeless shelters and other social services in an area of downtown that councillors say is too densely packed with them. New rooming houses, community health and resource centres and other social services will not be permitted to start up in future in the area bounded by Dalhousie, St. Patrick and George streets, and King Edward Avenue.

» **HEALTH** As well as approving $100,000 to enhance its needle collection program yesterday, the city has also approved an Ottawa Public Health expenditure of $50,000 to study syringes with retractable needles. Public Health will set up a hotline for residents to call when they discover used and discarded drug needles on city streets.

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»news In Brief

» **COURTS** Anthony Hanemaayer's acquittal yesterday for a 1987 sex attack committed by Paul Bernardo exposed what his lawyers call a multitude of problems plaguing Canada's justice system, including the use of dangerous eyewitness evidence. Hanemaayer's lawyers hope his wrongful conviction and the 20 years he spent paying for Bernardo's crime will translate into compensation for their client and a police investigation into whether the serial killer committed other offences.

» **BLACK** A U.S. federal appeals court yesterday upheld the conviction of former press baron Conrad Black and three ex-colleagues found guilty last year of defrauding shareholders of Hollinger International Inc.

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Biovail shareholders reject Melnyk's slate

Will challenge result, says founder

Biovail Corp. shareholders overwhelmingly rejected a dissident slate of directors proposed by company founder Eugene Melnyk, opting to stick with the current board, the biotech company said yesterday.

Melnyk, owner of the Ottawa Senators, said he would challenge the result in court, arguing the meeting was improperly held because it lacked quorum, and in a surprise twist said he would launch his own drug start-up if the attempt to change Biovail's board fails.


Melnyk

Melnyk, who launched the company almost 20 years ago and held numerous posts before stepping down last year, decided to oppose the board after losing confidence in Biovail's corporate strategy and the board's abilities earlier this year.

Shares of Biovail, Canada's biggest publicly traded drug company, have dropped 45 percent in the past four years. REUTERS

6 dead at Kentucky plant

Worker argued with boss before shootings: Police

random victims

» One local media report said most of the victims appeared to have been shot at random and were scattered around the plant.

A worker at a plastics plant in Kentucky shot and killed five people inside the factory yesterday and wounded a sixth before killing himself, police said.

Local media reports said the violence was triggered by a dispute the 25-year-old man had with a supervisor, who was among the dead.

The police department in Henderson, Ky., said the man who did the shooting entered the Atlantis Plastics plant in Henderson and began firing a handgun. He was not immediately identified.

The shooter, who died of a self-inflicted wound, and one of his victims were pronounced dead inside the plant.

Four others were pronounced dead after being taken to hospitals and a sixth victim was in stable condition at a hospital in Evansville, Ind., police said.

Atlantis, which has a number of U.S. plants, produces molded plastics at the Henderson facility. REUTERS

Argentina **Activists protest use of fur**


MARCOS BRINDICCI/REUTERS

Activists clad in underwear with red body paint protest against the use of fur in Buenos Aires, Argentina, yesterday.

Africa

Zimbabwe vote a 'sham,' Bush says

ELECTION President George W. Bush yesterday called run-off elections to be held in Zimbabwe tomorrow a 'sham' and accused President Robert Mugabe's government of intimidation.

animals

Spain looks to give apes rights

LEGISLATURE Spain's parliament voiced its support yesterday for the rights of great apes to life and freedom in what will apparently be the first time any national legislature has called for such rights for non-humans. REUTERS

online

Ex-Bell Canada exec Google's new CFO

HEADHUNT Google Inc. yesterday named as its new chief financial officer Patrick Pichette, the former president of operations at Bell Canada , replacing George Reyes, after a nearly year-long search.

Pichette, a 20-year veteran of the telecommunications industry and a former McKinsey consultant, starts at Google on Aug. 1 and will take over as chief financial officer on Aug. 12. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **ENCANA** Indigo Minerals LLC said yesterday it will sell some of its acreage in northwestern Louisiana to EnCana Corp. for $457 million US, just over a week after EnCana announced its entrance into the hot exploration region.

» **FED** The U.S. Federal Reserve held interest rates steady yesterday and signalled it was in no hurry to raise them, even as it voiced greater concern about inflation. The decision by the U.S. central bank left the benchmark overnight fed funds rate at 2 per cent. REUTERS

IOC rebukes China for speech

Upset about mixing of sports and politics

Paralympic torch

» China, whose Beijing Olympic torch relay was dogged by protest overseas, yesterday cancelled the international leg of the Paralympic torch relay.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) told China yesterday to stop mixing sport and politics after a speech by Tibet's Communist Party boss at the end of last weekend's Beijing torch relay leg in Lhasa.

"The IOC regrets that political statements were made during the closing ceremony of the Torch Relay in Tibet," the IOC said in a brief statement.

"We have written to BOCOG (Beijing Games organizers) to remind them of the need to separate sport and politics and to ask for their support in making sure that such situations do not arise again." REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **MILITANTS** Saudi Arabia has detained 520 suspected al Qaeda-linked militants since January, accusing some of them of planning car bomb attacks against an oil installation in the kingdom, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. REUTERS

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The Tampa Bay Lightning and forward Vincent Lecavalier, left, have reportedly agreed to a nine-year deal. TSN.ca reports that the star centre agreed to an extension that will pay him $77 million US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Germany pulls one out

Lahm's late goal helps favourites advance to final

EURO2008

Germany beat Turkey 3-2 in another Euro 2008 thriller yesterday to line up a final on Sunday against either Russia or Spain and end their opponents' roller-coaster ride through the tournament.

Turkey, who saved themselves with late goals in three previous matches, appeared to have repeated the feat when Semih Senturk equalized to make it 2-2 in the 86th minute and seemingly force extra time.

But Germany, who had been second best for most of the match against a side ravaged by suspensions and injury, took a page from Turkey's book and came back themselves in the final minute of normal time to snatch victory at St Jakob Park in Basel, Switzerland.

Defender Philipp Lahm, who had failed to stop the cross that led to Turkey's equalizer, emerged as the match-winner after playing a one-two with Thomas Hitzlsperger and lashing the ball high into the net past goalkeeper Rustu Recber.



ALEXANDER HASSENSTEIN/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Germany's Philipp Lahm, centre, celebrates after scoring in the 90th minute against Turkey during semifinal action yesterday at Euro 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. Lahm's goal proved to be the winner that sent Germany into Sunday's championship final.

"It was one of most beautiful moments in my life, getting into the final," Lahm said. "That's always beautiful. We missed that at the (2006) World Cup. Today it worked out. We want to win the title," he said.

Germany's delighted coach Joachim Loew said: "It was an insane battle, incredible tension up till the last second. That makes me obviously very happy."

Turkey coach Fatih Terim congratulated Germany and added: "I am proud of my players and think their will to play well, and the technical support, all came together and they were able to show the world what a good team they were.

"I think we are leaving as the most colourful team of the tournament. We can say we were almost there, but that is part of football as well."

Germany will need to produce a far better performance in Vienna, where Russia and Spain meet today, than they did yesterday to be crowned European champions for a fourth time. REUTERS

Djokovic turfed at All England Club

Safin cruises to big win over Serb

A dazed Novak Djokovic was jettisoned from Wimbledon yesterday and his fellow Serb Ana Ivanovic was lucky not to suffer the same fate on a day of high drama at the All England Club.

Third seed Djokovic became the biggest name to tumble out of the grasscourt championships when he was dumped in the second round by Marat Safin.

The Russian broke down Djokovic's weak resistance for a 6-4, 7-6, 6-2 victory on a surface he claims to hate.

Nathalie Dechy could have completed a bad day for the Serbs when she came within a whisker of knocking out world No. 1 Ivanovic in a nerve-jangling contest.

But a lucky netcord, at match point down in the second set, allowed Ivanovic to stage a great escape and she shrieked in delight after completing a pulsating 6-7, 7-6, 10-8 win.

"I couldn't believe it, I was so lucky," Ivanovic said after surviving the three hour, 24 minute thriller.



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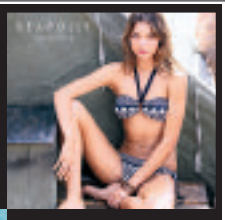
Third-seeded Novak Djokovic shows his frustration during his match against Marat Safin yesterday at Wimbledon.

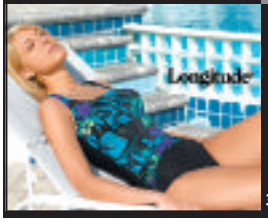
In other women's action, sixth-seed Serena Williams steered past Urszula Radwanska of Poland 6-4, 6-4 and former champion Amelie Mauresmo eked out a 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 win over Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual.

Back on the men's side, Roger Federer's pursuit of a sixth consecutive title gathered momentum when he ousted Sweden's Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 with the minimum of fuss, while Canada's Frank Dancevic lost 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 to American Bobby Reynolds. REUTERS

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»sports In Brief

» **NHL** The Phoenix Coyotes acquired forward Brian McGrattan from the Ottawa Senators yesterday in exchange for a fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft. McGrattan, 26, recorded three assists in 38 games with the Sens last season.

» **NHL** The Vancouver Canucks claimed forward Kyle Wellwood off waivers from the Toronto Maple Leafs yesterday. Toronto had waived the forward on Tuesday.

» **NBA** The Toronto Raptors have reportedly agreed in principle to acquire star forward Jermaine O'Neal from the Indiana Pacers. Media reports say the Pacers will get guard T.J. Ford, centre Rasho Nesterovic, an unnamed player, and Toronto's 17th pick in tonight's NBA Draft.

» **MLB** The Pittsburgh Pirates acquired pitcher Denny Bautista from the Detroit Tigers for minor league pitcher Kyle Pearson yesterday.

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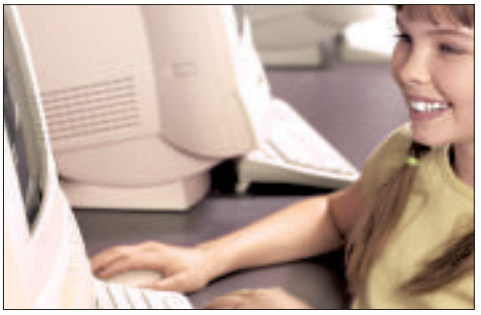
School is over for another year and the possibilities seem limitless for what children might do, and hopefully a lot of that includes activities outside and enjoying the summer weather.

However, we all know that at some point they will say, "I'm bored, there's nothing to do."

Will you be ready with some suggestions based on what they can do online?

It is not necessarily going to be a waste of time to be looking at games online. With a little research on your part, there are plenty of worthwhile options to pursue and feel free to include the kids in that research.

First, a little bit about safety. A few months ago I went to a school meeting with several hundred young children in Grades 7 and 8. The guest speaker was Paul Gillespie of Toronto, a former police officer who has worked for years to make the Internet safer for children and to make children more aware of Net safety. He said one thing that really stuck with me. He said that parents need to ask their children to teach them about the online world.



There are many sites out there for kids to enjoy this summer.

It's a great way to get your child to talk to you about what they do on the Net . You will be surprised that they don't know everything and that they could use some advice and guidance while you as a parent will certainly learn something and your kids will get a rush from teaching you. Paul's website — *paulgillespieconsulting.com* — provides some great advice.

Now, where to go on the Net? Here are just a few suggestions, most aimed at younger children. Do a search of your own and you will find even more.

» *uptoten.com*

A Paris toy store of the same name runs this site. Five-million visitors per month go to the site and there are nearly a thousand games on the site, plus links to thousands more.

» *kidsites.com*

Here you will find links to games for kids and parents and teachers with a heavy emphasis on education.

» *gamevault.ca*

AOL in the U.S. runs this site.

» *kidsmania.ca*

Bell-Sympatico runs this site that has just been revamped for summer with over 500 games, videos and comics.

» *cbc.ca/kids*

For years now, CBC's website has been singled out for its creative approach to providing information online.

» *media-awareness.ca*

Some games are here, but also some good advice on video games, plus a wide range of subjects related to young people and using the Internet.

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: *womenshealthmatters.ca* is a site that aims to help women navigate through all the medical information available to them on the Internet.

» This Sunday one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at how Koreans continue to lead the world at adopting new technologies.

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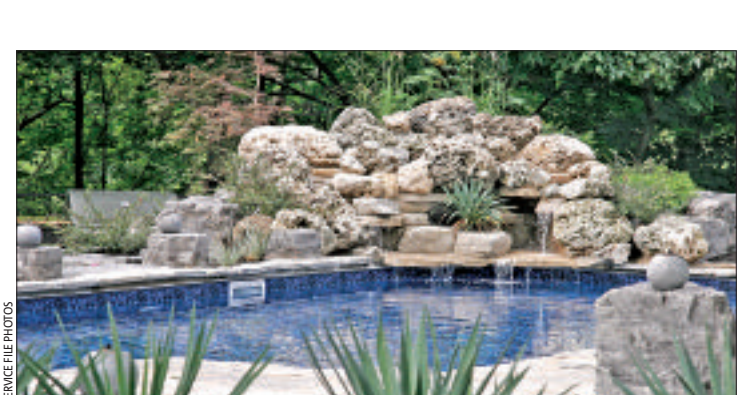
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Making a splash

If you think a backyard pool means a rectangular or kidney-shaped pool with a blue liner, think again. Pools these days can be so much more. The design team is thrilled to see some exciting new trends emerging in this area.

Pools were often thought of as purely recreational space for swimming, floating, splashing, playing volleyball, performing cannonballs, and the like. They still are, but they can also be designed to look like natural pools so they fit seamlessly into the environment. They can be designed as a spa, with water jets, seating and temperature controls. They can be lap pools for cardiovascular fitness, and so much more.

Concrete in-ground pools remain expensive, starting around $50,000 for a small pool, (less for other types of liners) but we are finding that people seem to be more willing to spend their recreational dollars at home. After all, the regular drive to the cottage or the gas-guzzling flight to a tropical location will likely become more painful as the price of gas goes up.

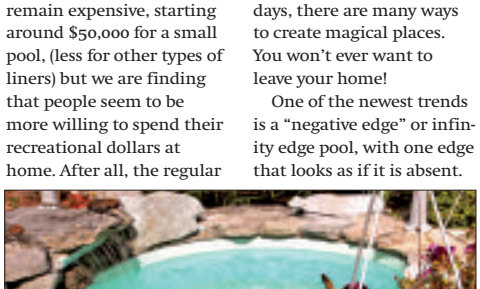


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And to tell the truth, nobody needs to feel as if they're getting less. We've seen some gorgeous trends in pools — ones that will make the backyard an absolute pleasure to enjoy privately and with many appreciative visitors. These days, there are many ways to create magical places. You won't ever want to leave your home!

One of the newest trends is a "negative edge" or infinity edge pool, with one edge that looks as if it is absent. In reality, the water flows over this edge into a basin, where it is re-circulated back into the pool. The look is stunning in the right environment — such as looking out over a body of water or out from a high place with a vista. Lighting can also add a special touch — from floating solar lights that feature shifting colours, to perimeter lighting, to underwater lighting to illuminate bubbling jets. Automated programmable music adds to the experience, from soothing spa sounds to a laid-back jazz evenings. Pools finished with mosaic or glass tile is hot look south of the border, expensive but undoubtedly lovely. Exposed stone is also a gorgeous natural look, and concrete embedded with pebbles and stones can look fetchingly natural as well. A black liner adds a delightful pond-like look.

Another emerging idea popular with families with children or elderly users is the sloped beach-like entrance, rather than steps or a ladder to enter the water. A shallow "wet-deck" type of pool is great for little ones, but also great for adults who want to laze about on their loungers, half-submerged while they read and sip a cold one, or just nap. This sounds like a great backyard vacation to us!



Waterfalls over stones adds a touch of drama to your backyard pool oasis.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.



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Rugs complete outdoor decor

New plastic, synthetic options add cozy factor

Creating so-called outdoor rooms has undeniably been one of the hottest trends in gardening over the past few years.We've seen the advent of massive kitchen-style setups with sink and prep areas; outdoor furniture that's as glamorous and stylish (and expensive) as anything you'd choose to have inside your home; and even chic new weatherproof lighting that includes chandeliers and table lamps.

Now, a wave of new rugs are available to tie your outdoor look together. Most are made of polypropylene, and many claim to be washable and comfortable as well. From deck to dock, they're an outdoor accessory you'll soon be encountering everywhere you turn. METRO NEWS SERVICE



Cosmopolitan Outdoor Rug, 7x9 feet, $129.99, Canadian Tire.

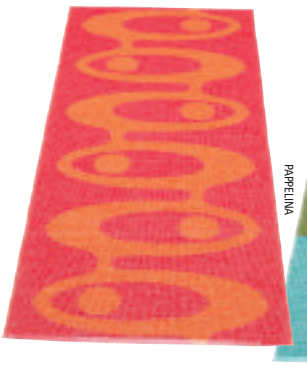




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To reduce charring the meat on the grill, remove skin from meat and trim off excess fat before seasoning.
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Grilling low and slow

Summer just isn't summer without ribs on the grill and the secret to succulent ribs is time. These ribs require very little effort, just patience. Allow two hours from start to finish, fortunately with only an occasional check. Turn your barbecue into an outdoor oven and let it do the cooking.

Buy the meatier back ribs rather than side ribs or spareribs. Rub with seasonings, cook low and slow and brush with a smoky sauce near end of cooking.



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Slow Cooked Smoky Back Ribs

Chipotles are both smoky and quite spicy, so adjust amount to your taste. Alternately brush ribs with your favourite smoky barbecue sauce. Serve with baked potatoes, corn and cold beer.

INGREDIENTS:
2 slabs of back ribs, about 3 lbs (1.5 kg) in total

Rib Rub:
1 tbsp (15 mL) each:Ground cumin and coriander
1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) each: Chili powder and brown sugar
1 tsp (5 mL) each: Salt, pepper and paprika
1/2 tsp (2 mL) cayenne

Sauce:
7-oz (198 g) can chipotles in adobe sauce
1/4 cup (50 mL) brown sugar

METHOD: Remove the thin membrane from undersides of ribs and trim off any excess fat. Rub evenly with rub mixture. If time permits, let stand 20 minutes.

Cook ribs over indirect heat — after preheating barbecue, turn one burner off and reduce heat on other burner(s) to low. Place ribs on unlit side, close lid and cook for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours, turning over and rearranging occasionally. Place an oven thermometer in barbecue to check temperature is about 300°F (150°C). Ribs are done when you can 'wiggle' the end of the rib bones and the meat is 'relaxed'.

Puree entire can of chipotles and adobe sauce in small food processor or blender. Measure out 1/4 cup (50 mL) and combine with brown sugar. Brush ribs with sauce mixture and cook another 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Rib tips:

• Rain check — for an alternative cooking method, arrange ribs on a rack set in a shallow baking pan. Cook in 300°F (150°C) oven as above.

• Freeze remaining pureed chipotles in small amounts to use later in chili, for a mopping sauce to brush on grilled chicken or pork, or stirred into mayonnaise for a spicy, smoky dipping sauce.

• The Right Rib — Back ribs are from the blade and centre section of a pork loin and are meatier than side ribs (or spareribs). One rack weighs about 1-1/2 lbs (750 g). Plan on 3/4 to 1 lb (375 - 500 g) per person. Side ribs are cut from the belly or side and the ribs are longer and less meaty than back ribs. Plan on 1lb (500 g) per person.

Rub tips:

• Rubbing meat with a flavourful blend of herbs and spices before cooking works like a dry marinade, providing great flavour and sealing in moisture.

• Dry mixtures are a low fat way to add maximum flavour in minimal time and they work equally well on small or large pieces. While you can buy seasoning mixtures, it's easy to create your own blends and with much less salt, which tends to draw moisture out of meat. Make sure your herbs and spices are fresh for best flavour and feel free to be creative.

• As a guideline, use about 1 tbsp (15 mL) to season a pork chop, chicken leg or steak. Use about 2 to 3 tbsp (30 to 45 mL) to season a rack of ribs, whole chicken or a roast. For lean meats, such as skinless chicken and pork steaks, mist or lightly brush seasoned meat with vegetable oil before cooking.



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Welcome to fudgy heaven

Canadian Trish Magwood has won the prestigious James Beard Award — considered the "Oscars" of the culinary world — in the Entertaining category for her recent book of recipes and entertaining strategies, Dish Entertains.

Harper Collins Canada offered Metro this chewy, delicious recipe from the award-winning book:



Once brownies have cooled, using a small round cookie cutter, cut into rounds and skewer onto popsicle sticks for brownie lollipops.



Dish Entertains by Trish Magwood is available at *Amazon.ca* with a current list price of $28.32 for the hardcover edition.

Mocha Brownies

There are two camps when it comes to brownies — fudge brownies and cake brownies. If you fall into the fudge camp, you have found heaven with this recipe. Makes 12 large or 24 mini brownies.

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
1 tbsp (15 mL) instant espresso powder
1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
6 oz (175 g) bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 oz (60 g) unsweetened chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup (175 mL) unsalted butter, cubed
1 1/2 cups (375 mL) sugar
2 1/2 tsp (12 mL) vanilla
4 large eggs
3/4 cup (175 mL) semi-sweet chocolate chips

METHOD: Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Butter a 13- x 9-inch (3 L) baking pan and line with parchment paper (or grease pan and dust with flour).

In a small bowl, combine flour, espresso powder and salt. Set aside.

In a medium heatproof bowl over a pot of barely simmering water, melt bittersweet chocolate, unsweetened chocolate and butter together, stirring occasionally. (Make sure no water touches the chocolate.) Remove from heat and add sugar and vanilla; stir with a wooden spoon or spatula until smooth. Stir in eggs, one at a time, until incorporated. Fold in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips.

Spread in prepared pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until set but a few crumbs stick to tester when inserted. Let cool on a rack.

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Rewarding loyal customers

Credit card firms, banks offer many different incentives

Let's say you were walking through a store and you came across a pair of shoes you really wanted, but it was expensive enough for you to say, "Well, I don't really need them." But what if buying those shoes earned you points towards something bigger in the future, such as plane tickets? All of a sudden, that price tag may not seem so high.

That's basically how loyalty and reward programs work: In exchange for shopping exclusively with a retailer or by paying a certain way, customers are in turn rewarded with points they can turn in for luxury items.

Metro asked major banks and credit card companies across the country to present some of their most successful rewards programs. Here's what we came up with from the ones that responded to our queries, and you can compare them:

SCOTIABANK: Its most dynamic is their Scene program, according to John Doig, senior vice-president of marketing, sales and service. It's a joint venture with Cineplex targeted at movie-goers and has gained more than 810, 000 members in 12 months. Customers get an immediate 10 per cent off on movie concessions and earn points through buying tickets at Cineplex theatres. Rewards include free movie admissions.

CIBC: This bank boasts its Aerogold Visa card as its most valuable rewards initiative. On average, 2,000 Aerogold members fly for free every day, says Ernie Johannson, senior vice-president of marketing for CIBC retail markets. Cardholders earn one mile for every dollar spent, redeemable for flights and other items. Other features include guaranteed hotel reservations, insurance coverage and discounted car rentals. The bank recently launched a program where customers get 1.5 miles per dollar if they shop at gas, grocery or drug stores.


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Many banks and credit card companies offer travel rewards as part of their loyalty programs.

RBC: One-stop shopping is the name of the game with RBC's Visa Avion program. Customers earn points through use of the card and can then redeem points for travel with any airline, merchandise, gift cards (among them Future Shop, Golf Town and Starbucks) and can even contribute to RRSPs, RESPs or mortgage and loan payments. The program also lets the more altruistic consumer make donations to charities.

BMO: This bank has gone beyond the use of points with credit cards and expanded into debit card use. Its customers can now collect Air Miles by paying with their BMO debit card. BMO media rep Ralph Marranca says a major reason for this was that last year, the number of debit transactions in Canada surpassed the number of credit card transactions. One of their biggest credit card programs, Marranca notes, is the revamped BMO Mosaik Gold MasterCard, where customers can get a 20 per cent discount on Air Miles redemptions, among other benefits.

TD: The bank's TD Visa Infinite Card touts variety as its major selling point, offering cardholders "book any way" flexibility, travel insurance and services. You can apply your points — three TD points for every $1 you spend on the card — towards deals or promotions with the travel agency, hotel or airline of their choice.

AMEX: This company's AeroplanPlus program offers one travel rewards mile for every dollar spent on the card (Gold members get 1.25 miles per dollar after they've purchased $10,000 with the card within a year). In addition, AMEX offers a Blue Sky credit card, where members pay no annual fees and can redeem their rewards for any airline, hotel, cruise or car rental. Cardholders get 1.25 Blue Sky Points for every $1 of purchases on the card, and free redeemable travel starts at 10,000 points.

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Accessibility key aspect of successful programs

Initiatives to get your exclusive business are a dime a dozen: Everywhere you look, companies and retailers offer you bonus miles, points, exclusive deals and club memberships. But businesses know that a customer's wants evolve and so must their programs to keep you interested in investing your time and money with them.

Reward programs, retail or otherwise, do huge business in Canada, so much so that setting up shop in this country without one is next to unthinkable. The Hudson's Bay Company, for example, offers its HBC Rewards program through all its outlets: The Bay, Zellers and Home Outfitters. It also offers its program through Esso gas stations.

Kelly Hlavinka, managing partner of Colloquy, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based loyalty marketing researcher, says 9 out of 10 Canadians participate in rewards programs.

"Canadian customers are clearly looking for more value when they spend their money," she says. "More consumers are expecting loyalty and reward programs from the companies with which they do business."

Accessibility is of key importance, says Neil Everett, senior vice-president and chief marketing officer of Air Miles. For a loyalty program to succeed, customers must be able to exchange their points for rewards fairly quickly after signing up, and there has to be a wide range of redeemable items for different consumers.

"It's starting with identifying your customer and the kind of loyalty you're trying to create, and tied to that is your business objective," said Everett. "You have to create the right incentive and aspirations and make it attainable."

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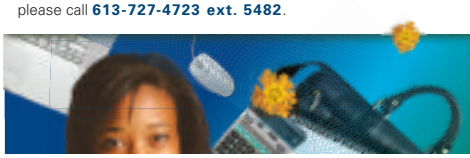
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Beware of Big Brother?

Firms not likely to mine your details, privacy expert says

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
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What happens with your personal information when you scan your loyalty and rewards card at the grocery store?

You know the drill: You head to the checkout with your shopping basket and give the salesperson your loyalty and rewards card. They scan it, you pay, and you're that much closer to your reward.

Understand, however, that these types of programs are often two-way streets, and there's a price for the extra benefits you can get: While you're racking up bonus miles and points, retailers are keeping track in their own way by recording your purchasing information — and are privy to data that can tell them when and where you've shopped, how much you've spent, and even the items you've bought.

"They (businesses) can take a look at your transactions and see that you may have a lot of money for discretionary spending and then market to you accordingly," says Michael Janigan, executive director and general counsel with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Ottawa. "Or they might look and see that you pay by Visa for amounts as low as $7 — you may be accessible to advertisements for payday loans. There's a whole wealth of information that can be mined in that circumstance. What is marketed to the customer as an incentive to shop at a store is actually something quite different."

You can get a fair idea of what businesses are looking at by the kind of junk mail you get, but would it be possible for a marketer, if they were interested in finding out, to electronically rifle through your shopping basket to find out what kind of condoms you're buying? In some programs, yes. While federal privacy laws under PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act) dictate businesses require your consent to collect or even disclose such information, contracts with these types of programs are entirely one-sided, says Janigan.

But big business retailers and service companies are often too busy to care about the fine details of your spending habits, says David Fraser, a privacy lawyer with Halifax-based firm McInnes Cooper — noting in-house loyalty programs (a store that sets up and runs its own, for example) are more likely to mine specific information for inventory purposes than those offered across several stores.

A 2002 investigation by the federal Privacy Commissioner found that Air Miles — Canada's largest rewards program at 9.8 million members and counting — collects only basic data from the transaction: The date, store address and name, dollar value, number of miles earned and occasionally the category of purchase and the type of Air Miles card carried.

With the wide popularity of loyalty programs (more than eight million people have Shoppers Drug Mart's Optimum card, for instance), Fraser adds businesses have too much to lose by scrutinizing your personal spending habits. The last thing they want is for you to opt out of their initiative.

"Not everybody is concerned about privacy, but in Canada enough are that it just doesn't make business sense to alienate those people," says Fraser. "They (merchants) get some value from disclosing that information to marketing companies, but the value that they get is not overridden by the damage to the relationship with the customer if they did it without their OK."

» For a list of privacy rights resources online, read this article online at *metronews.ca*.

Many ways to maximize your points

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Ottawa

Saving up your reward points for free flights and TVs is an admirable goal, but what if you don't have enough points for the big stuff? Fear not — there are many ways to stretch your reward spending.

The first thing to do is make sure your reward card is giving you the best reward returns on your purchases. Spending a few bucks on annual fees might be worth it to give you the best collection rate for points.

For example, Aeroplan gives users up to double or triple the amount of points, depending on what level of program-approved credit card you use for purchases, while BMO offers a similar reward structure with a Bronze Mosaic Air Miles card.

The next thing to do is realize you don't have to save up thousands of miles just to get some use out of your points. Air Miles customers, for instance, can trade points for gift cards, grocery cards and gas cards. Even as few as 25 Air Miles can get you a movie pass.

Perry Schwartz, senior manager of public relations for Air Miles, says the reward system is designed to let people choose rewards they can use on a daily basis.

"It's built around everyday spending. If people just do what they're doing every day, they can hit that 25 miles reward rather quickly," Schwartz said.

BMO also offers Air Miles rewards using your debit card from a savings account, and most rewards programs give regular promotions such as seasonal discounts of flights booked using reward miles. Retail stores frequently run bonus reward miles promotions too, so keep an eye out for chances to rack up a few extra points with your grocery or drugstore purchase.

While several websites allow you to consolidate your reward points from different sources, be aware that most of them take a heavy cut of your points in the exchange, sometimes as much as 50 per cent. Do your research, pick the reward point program that is right for you and stick with it to maximize the spending power of your points.

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entertainment



Supermodel Iman, left, will be returning as host of Project Runway Canada. The new season makes its debut in January 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Free speech at heart of doc

Actor Stein explores volatile world of Intelligent Design

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Ottawa

Ben Stein admits that he's probably most famous for his deadpan cameo as a teacher in Ferris Bueller's Day Off, though at various times he has been a game show host, a speechwriter for Richard Nixon, and a columnist for Penthouse magazine. His career has had many different chapters, but the latest puts him in the middle of a controversy that most people probably thought had been laid to rest with the Scopes Monkey Trial.

As the narrator and protagonist of the documentary Expelled, Stein goes on a journey through the universities, museums and scientific institutions of America and Britain, trying to figure out just why everyone there seems to be in a rage about Intelligent Design, a theory that suggests that some sort of built-in logic or intervention might be the best way to explain away questions that still bedevil the study of evolution. Jobs have been lost, reputations damaged or even destroyed, and battle lines drawn across almost every scientific discipline.

Stein insists that he was sure that he'd get answers from the Darwinian camp that would make ID look like the joke it's supposed to be. "Three years ago or whenever we started this, I thought I was going to come to a completely different result than the one I came to," Stein says. "I thought I'd just go to (ID's proponents), and I'll say, look, this is an interesting idea but we now know that you guys are fruitcakes, and so we now know the answers. But we never found the answers, and frankly their answers started to sound more and more plausible."



RICK McGINNIS/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Writer, actor and TV personality Ben Stein jumps into the controversial world of Intelligent Design in his documentary Expelled.

Ultimately, Stein says he remains less interested in scientific theories than freedom of speech, and the way that any debate about ID has been crushed or dismissed outright.

"To tell you the truth, I don't have particularly strong feelings about ID. I have a strong feeling that Darwinism doesn't explain as much as people think it does, but I'm not worried about that one way or another, but I'm very worried about freedom of speech issues. I'm worried about them in the U.S. and, from what I've been told by close Canadian friends, I'm worried about them in Canada, too. I think Canada has some big free speech issues it's facing now."

The battle over ID is typified – not entirely accurately – as one between science and religion, though Stein maintains that the worship of science above morality and the suppression of dissent is at the heart of the worst atrocities of the last century, including the Holocaust. "My sister, who's a very smart woman, likes to say, 'Your basic human is not such a hot item.' And I think that's a very good understanding of what's gone on in the 20th century, and all the centuries prior to it, and also in this century. How you deal with that is a big, big problem, but telling people what they can and cannot say is not the way to deal with it."



music

Coldplay album debuts at No. 1



Martin

CHARTS

British rock band Coldplay's new album debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. pop music chart Tuesday, largely bucking the sales slides that have affected other musicians, the group's label said Tuesday.

Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends, Coldplay's fourth release, sold more than 720,000 copies in the six days ended Sunday, Capitol Records said. REUTERS

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In Brief

» **MUSIC** British rockers Oasis have revealed that their upcoming album will be called Dig Out Your Soul, BBC News reports. The album comes out in U.K. on October 6.
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West wins two BET awards

Keys hails Obama during show

Rap star Kanye West picked up two prizes Tuesday at the BET Awards, while Alicia Keys was one of several stars who used the occasion to salute presidential contender Barack Obama.

The only other multiple winner was the hip-hop duo UGK, consisting of Bernard "Bun B" Freeman and the recently deceased Chad "Pimp C" Butler. In all 15 awards were handed out during a three-hour show mixing the heroes of contemporary hip-hop and old-school R&B.

Keys, flying high with a successful worldwide tour, a chart-topping album and an upcoming film, shared the stage with three leading female ensemble acts from the 1990s — TLC, En Vogue and Sisters with Voices — for a medley of R&B music.



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Kanye West, front, and Lil Wayne at the BET Awards.

She went on to win the prize for best female R&B artist, and offered a heartfelt endorsement to Obama. "Together we can do anything — Obama, y'all!" she enthused.

Teen sensation Chris Brown, who topped the U.S. singles chart last year with Kiss Kiss, was named best male R&B performer.

Veteran soul crooner Al Green, recipient of a lifetime achievement award, got the audience in the Shrine Auditorium on its feet singing, and dancing, along with his classic 1970s hit Let's Stay Together.

Backstage a short time later, Green apologized. "I'm sorry I didn't sing as well as I should because I got scared. I was nervous," he said.

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Fielder-Civil victim cleared by a jury

Man alleged to have taken bribe for his silence

A pub landlord was cleared yesterday of taking a 200,000 pound ($399,000) bribe to spare his attackers, one of whom was British soul singer Amy Winehouse's husband, from jail.

The jury at Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London found James King, 36, not guilty of perverting the course of justice.

Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil and Michael Brown both pleaded guilty to attacking King in London in June, 2006, and to trying to bribe him.

Fielder-Civil, 26, faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced at a later date.

King told the trial that he had been intimidated into withdrawing his statement against Fielder-Civil and Brown by middlemen seeking to broker a deal to buy his silence.

The two middlemen have pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Grammy-winning singer Winehouse, who has been fighting drug addiction and who was rushed to hospital last week after fainting at home, was in court earlier this month to support Fielder-Civil during pre-trial hearings.

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Amy Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil, left, pled guilty to attacking pub landlord James King, who was cleared of taking a bribe to not testify against Fielder-Civil.

Sopranos auction raises big bucks

Tough North Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano from hit TV series The Sopranos whacked buyers' bank accounts at Christie's yesterday when his wardrobe sold for $187,750 — four times the auction house's forecast.

James Gandolfini, who played Soprano for six seasons over 8½ years, sold his personal costume wardrobe in 25 lots at Christie's pop culture auction, with all proceeds going to Wounded Warrior, a charity that helps wounded U.S. troops.

The top lot was a bloody outfit worn when Soprano was shot at the beginning of season six by Uncle Junior in a fit of dementia, which sold for $43,750, nearly 12 times Christie's pre-sale estimate for the outfit.



Gandolfini

Gandolfini was at the auction to see Soprano's signature white tank top, light blue striped boxer shorts, striped short robe and leather scuffs go under the hammer for $21,250, again soaring above the pre-sale estimate of $1,500. Another robe — forecast to go for $1,500 — fetched $13,750, while the blue shirt worn by the mob boss in the opening credits of the TV show sold for the same amount, well above the estimate of between $2,000 and $3,000.

Also up for grabs were a selection of costumes worn by other Sopranos characters, including Junior Soprano, Paulie Walnuts and A.J. Soprano.

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Aiken appeals for aid to Somalia



Aiken

CRISIS Pop singer Clay Aiken, who gained fame on TV talent show American Idol, appealed yesterday for the world not to forget Somalia, where conflict and hunger have created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Aiken said U.S. and international interest in Somalia had been minimal since failed military intervention in the early 1990s.

"There hasn't been much discussion of Somalia since the early 1990s in the U.S.," said Aiken, a UN goodwill ambassador, on a visit to Somalia.

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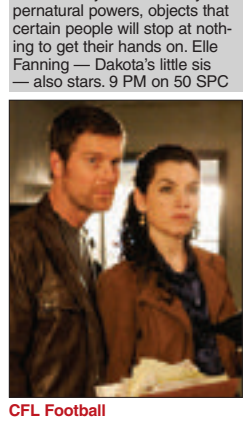
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critics'corner

The Lost Room

Norman Bates' place ain't got nothin' on the Sunshine Motel, especially Room 10. This three-part miniseries stars Julianna Margulies as a woman who teams up with a detective (Peter Krause) to investigate after her brother is killed for his motel room key. The room turns out to be full of objects with scary supernatural powers, objects that certain people will stop at nothing to get their hands on. Elle Fanning — Dakota's little sis — also stars. 9 PM on 50 SPC



CFL Football

The 2008 CFL season gets under way tonight at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium, where Anthony Calvillo and the Montreal Alouettes hope to erase the memories of a disappointing 2007 campaign against Casey Printers and the league doormat Tiger-Cats. Part of that, undoubtedly, will be getting a full season from veteran quarterback Calvillo, who took a leave of absence late last season to care for his ailing wife. 7 PM on 30 TSN

Celebrity Buzz



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Dark Knight snub 'absurd'

Family affair: Michelle Williams has dismissed reports she is snubbing the premiere of Batman Begins sequel The Dark Knight because of a bust-up with her late boyfriend Heath Ledger's parents, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Reports suggest Williams wouldn't attend the screening of Ledger's last complete film, because she is angry with Ledger's father Kim's handling of the actor's estate.

But her representative Mara Buxbaum insists the claim is "absurd."

She tells *People.com*, "The presumption that Michelle ever intended to attend The Dark Knight premiere is unfounded, but to say she is 'boycotting' due to a rift with Heath's family is absurd.

"It is time to allow this family to go about their lives without this continued scrutiny and speculation."

Ledger's parents and sister will jet to New York from their home in Australia to attend the premiere on July 14 — six months after Ledger took a fatal overdose of prescription drugs at his Manhattan home.

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Mayer warned ex before tabloids

RELATIONSHIP John Mayer might have broken Minka Kelly's heart when he left her for Jennifer Aniston — but he had the decency to call her before the news about them hit the press, *PageSix.com* reports.

A pal of Kelly's said, "Minka received a call from John (and) He apologized (saying), 'Sorry, but I'm really in love.'" She found that interesting as, "during his relationship with her, John mentioned, 'I don't really get this Jennifer Aniston thing.'"



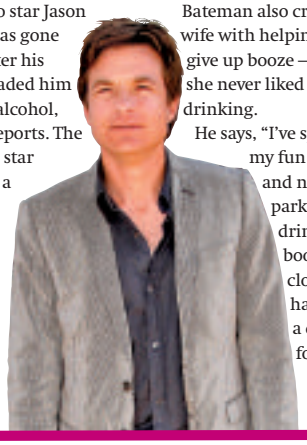
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Bateman bans the booze

PEOPLE Juno star Jason Bateman has gone teetotal after his wife persuaded him to give up alcohol, *imdb.com* reports. The 39-year-old star hasn't had a drink in four years and puts his newfound clean living down to a desire to grow up and leave his adolescence behind.

Bateman also credits his wife with helping him give up booze — because she never liked him drinking.

He says, "I've spent all my fun chips and now I've parked my drinking boots in the closet. I haven't had a drink in four years."



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Celebrity brief

CUSTODY Britney Spears has been awarded overnight privileges with her sons, *People.com* reports. The pop star hasn't had her children overnight since January.

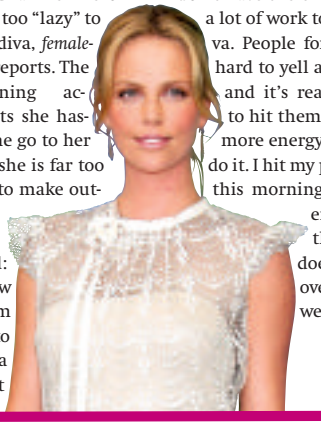


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Theron too lazy to be a diva

CELEBRITY Charlize Theron says she is too "lazy" to ever be a diva, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The Oscar-winning actress insists she hasn't let fame go to her head and she is far too laid back to make outrageous demands.

She said: "You know what, I'm lazy and to be a diva takes a lot of energy and so that's why I don't do it because I just don't have the energy. It's a lot of work to be a diva. People forget. It's hard to yell at people and it's really hard to hit them. If I had more energy I would do it. I hit my publicist this morning. Apparently that doesn't go over too well!"



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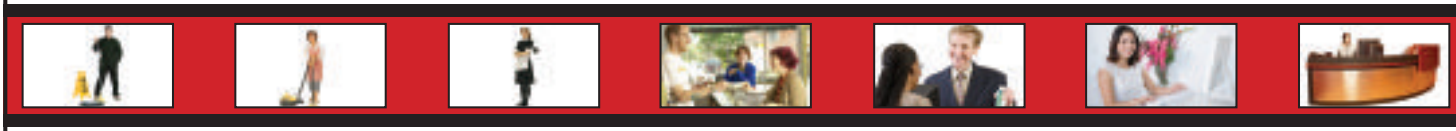
Celebrity brief

MONEY Reese Witherspoon is Hollywood's highest paid actress, according to a new study. The Legally Blonde star pulls in an estimated $15 to $20 million US per film, putting her at the top of the new Hollywood Reporter rich list, ahead of Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, *People.com* reports. Renee Zellweger, Halle Berry and Julia Roberts also make the new trade Top 10.



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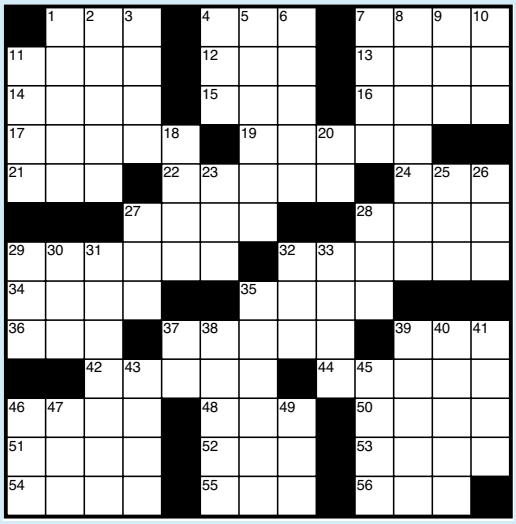
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Mechanical problems cause a commotion. Spread the news about a relative's intentions. A meeting will create changes in policy.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Friendly behaviour causes wistful thoughts to arise. A co-worker's drama is comical. A man will show compassion.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Dreams of the future start to take shape. Work that you've been doing will begin to pay off. Help a parent with a dilemma.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Someone wants to discuss "important matters". Lost documents will delay a deal. A painful romance is about to end.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A peculiar tale won't be very satisfying. Be truthful if you're feeling forlorn. Don't pretend that all is well if it isn't.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Be careful with weird people. Someone picks up the pieces of a broken heart. Give up on unrealistic concepts of happiness.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
You'll be sure of someone's secret feelings. Keeping a stiff upper lip puts your nerves on edge. A hermit looks to you for kindness.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Somebody shows the depth of their perception. A mother issues an invitation. A crisis situation comes to a head.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Satisfaction comes in strange packages. The solution to a problem is in your room. A red-haired person won't bother to respond.

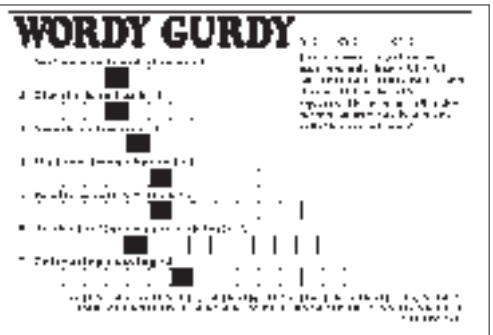
CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You'll cope well with a minor setback. Other people's property causes nightmares. There's no point repeating yourself.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
An obsession continues to distract you. A seducer works well with a romantic. Remain firm in the face of silly revelations.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Be playful with a friendly lover. Your finances will involve displeased strangers. An appointment is missed due to forgetfulness.

AVATAR VENUS





	4	7	5		9			3
		1	6	4	3			
	5		2					
		2				9	7	6
1	3	6				8		
					8		5	
			4	3	2	7		
8			9		7	4	2	

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

8	4	6	2	1	3	5	7	9
3	5	9	8	7	6	2	1	4
7	2	1	9	5	4	8	6	3
2	6	3	5	4	1	9	8	7
5	9	8	7	6	2	3	4	1
1	7	4	3	8	9	6	2	5
9	3	7	4	2	8	1	5	6
4	1	2	6	3	5	7	9	8
6	8	5	1	9	7	4	3	2

This Day IN HISTORY

June 26, 1284: According to legend, the Pied Piper lures 130 children of Hamelin away.

June 26, 1870: The Christian holiday of Christmas is declared a federal holiday in the United States.

June 26, 1945: The United Nations Charter is signed in San Francisco.

June 26, 1976: The CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure on land in the world, was opened.

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Ottawa weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
60%				80%
Thunder-showers. 24°	Clear. 16°	Partly cloudy. 25°/ 12°	Mainly sunny. 20°/ 14°	Showers. 16°/ 14°

Temperature
Normals
High: 25.9°
Low: 14.1°

Records
High: 33.9°/1941
Low: 7.2°/1970

Sunrise: 5:16 a.m.
Sunset: 8:54 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:28 a.m.
Moonset: 1:33 p.m.

TWN incorporates MSC data





HEMSE click-lock flooring
$14.31/pk
was ~~$28.63~~/pk

HEMSE click-lock flooring $14.31/pk was ~~$28.63~~/pk. 50¢/sq. ft. 6mm beech laminate flooring. 28.6 sq. ft./pk. Easy to lay, easy to clean, and will not fade. RA.



MAREK wall/floor lamp $19.99/ea was ~~$29.99~~/ea. Can be used as both a wall and floor lamp; wall hook and wheels included. Paper shade. W25×H96cm. Max 40W. RA.



MANDAL bedside table $29.99 was ~~$59.99~~. Solid pine. W45×D49×H52cm. RA.



KLAPPSTA armchair $249 was ~~$288~~. Everöd red. Removable cover. W76×D73×H73cm. RA.

the IKEA summer sale up to 50% off

Hurry!
Sale ends July 13.*



GOSA VILA inner cushion
$4.99/ea
was ~~$11.49~~/ea

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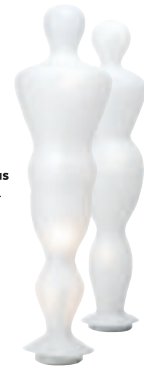
TRAKTOR stool with castors
$19.99
was ~~$49.99~~



TRAKTOR stool with castors $19.99 was ~~$49.99~~. Silver colour. Height adjustable for comfortable sitting posture. Castors are designed for soft floors. W63×D63×H43-55cm. RA.



KLIPPAN loveseat $299 was ~~$329~~. Vimle green. Removable, washable, 100% cotton slipcover. W180×D88×H66cm. RA.



TORIM floor lamp series $29.99/ea was ~~$69.99~~/ea. Paper/steel. Dimmer function. 4×40W. Man figure Ø42×H183cm. Woman figure Ø34×H168cm.

HELLUM rug
$99
was ~~$199~~



HELLUM rug $99 was ~~$199~~. Dark red. Handwoven. 80% wool, 20% nylon. L240×W170cm.

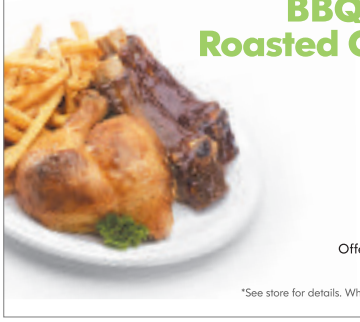


NORESUND queen bed frame
$149
was ~~$249~~

NORESUND bed frame series. Black-brown. Steel. Includes slats and midbeam. RA.
Queen $149 was ~~$249~~. L212×W158cm. **Full/double $149 was ~~$199~~.** L198.2×W140cm.
LIMIT 2 PER CUSTOMER. While supplies last. No rain checks.



PJÄTTERYD picture $69.99/set of 3 was ~~$119~~/set of 3. Orchid. Printed on heavy-quality canvas. W56×H56cm.



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